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Leave rules for teachers in aided secondary institutions

* 323 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state with reference to the answer to Legislative Council Starred Question No. 152 answered on 16th August 1954 and supplementary questions thereon—

(*a*) whether the question of providing uniform set of leave rules in respect of teachers in aided secondary institutions was looked into; and

(*b*) if so, the decisions arrived at by the Government in the matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Director of Public Instruction, Madras, has been asked to re-examine the desirability and feasibility of prescribing uniform leave rules for teachers in aided secondary schools and submit proposals for the consideration of Government. The Director's reply is awaited."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" In view of the fact that this matter has been before the Government for the last two years, will the Government expedite the formulation of these rules and places a copy of the same on the table of the House? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Director of Public Instruction has been reminded to send his report as early as possible. As soon as it is received, it will be examined."

Scheme for cleaning the Cooum and Buckingham canal water in the City

* 324 *Q.*—SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any scheme under consideration for cleaning the Cooum and Buckingham canal water in the city periodically; and especially that portion of the canal which is behind the Penitentiary, the General Hospital and the Medical College? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir "

Duties, etc., of the Consulting Engineer (Civil) in the Electricity Department

* 325 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the duties and functions of the part-time Consulting Engineer (Civil) in the Electricity Department are;

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(b) whether he is employed on a contract basis and if so, what the terms and period of contract are; and

(c) whether he undertakes any job other than the work of this State Government?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGHA REJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) to (c) A copy of the agreement entered into by the officer containing the terms and condition of his service is placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I ask why the regular engineers of the Public Works Department should not be consulted in the matter of civil engineering and why there should be a part-time consulting engineer for consultation on all civil matters connected with the Electricity Department?"

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is nobody to equal his knowledge and rank just at present and that is why we have to indent upon his services."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know when the period of the present incumbent expires?"

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGHA REJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is only re-employment being repeated every year. When there is no necessity or when we have equally efficient men, we may not renew the services of the present incumbent."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the Government examine the matter *de novo* and consider the appointment of a regular officer of the Public Works Department to this post instead of encourging appointments like this?"

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no competent man. That is my point."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether there are consulting officers who are being consulted by heads of departments in other departments, and why in this Electricity Department alone this kind of paraphernalia of consulting engineer should be there?"

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is not in vogue in every department. This is a special kind of work which needs special treatment."

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